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SUBJECT: CAT IN SSOD DOCUMENTS

FOR GELB FROM KAHAN - DELIVER OPENING BUSINESS MAY 4

1. BELOW ARE PASSAGES RELATED TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANS-
FERS FROM THE SSOD DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT AND PROGRAM
OF ACTION. PARENTHESES IN CABLE REPRESENT SQUARE BRACKETS
USED IN CONFERENCE TEXTS TO INDICATE LANGUAGE WHICH DOES
NOT HAVE CONSENSUS. AFTER PARENTHESES IN CABLE ARE NOTES
ON WHICH COUNTRY OR BLOC PROPOSED LANGUAGE

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FOR BRACKETS. IDENTIFICATION OF LANGUAGE OR BRACKETS AS
WESTERN MEANS THAT LANGUAGE OR BRACKETS WERE SUPPORTED BY
AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF WESTERN CAUCUS CALLED BARTON
GROUP WHICH INCLUDES US, NATO, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
SPAIN AND JAPAN.

2. DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT: BEGIN TEXT

TOGETHER WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MEASURES,
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION AND (BALANCED) NOTE:IRANIAN
WORD, INDIAN BRACKET. END NOTE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES
AND OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING THE (PRODUCTION
AND) NOTE: PAKISTANI WORDS:NON ALIGNED AND WESTERN BRACKET.
US SUPPORTS BRACKET. END NOTE. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF
SUCH WEAPONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
ON ARMED FORCES AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON
STATES AND OTHER MILITARILY SIGNIFICANT COUNTRIES, TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED OF STATES TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY.
END TEXT.

3. CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS PART OF PROGRAM OF ACTION: OUR
DRAFTING EFFORTS HAVE FOCUSED ON THIS SECTION. BEGIN TEXT.
AGREEMENTS OR OTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE RESOLUTELY PURSUED
ON A BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS AIMING AT
STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY AT A LOWER LEVEL OF FORCES
(BEARING IN MIND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO
PRESERVE THEIR SELF-DEFENCE AS EMBODIED IN THE UNITED
NATIONS CHARTER, AND THE NEED TO ENSURE BALANCE AT EACH
STAGE.) (BY THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES
AND OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL
TRANSFER OF SUCH WEAPONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED OF
STATES TO PROTECT THEIR SECURITY.) NOTE: JAPAN APPARENTLY
ACTING ON LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS PLACED THE FIRST SET OF
BRACKETS ON GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE WHICH WE ALSO
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ACCEPT. THE SECOND SET OF BRACKETS SURROUNDS AN ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE TO ARMS TRANSFERS WHICH JAPAN ALSO PROPOSED AT
THE LAST MINUTE. END NOTE. SUCH MEASURES MIGHT INCLUDE:
--REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL CONFERENCES WHERE APPROPRIATE
CONDITIONS EXIST WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COUNTR-
IES CONCERNED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS
OF CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT.
--CONSULTATIONS AMONG MAJOR ARMS PRODUCER AND SUPPLIER
COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, AND BETWEEN THEM AND RECIPIENT
STATES, ON MEASURES (OF RESTRAINT, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL
TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS) (TO RESTRAIN THE CON-
VENTIONAL ARMS RACE) (OF RESTRAINT ON THE PRODUCTION AND
INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS) NOTE:THE
FIRST BRACKETED ALTERNATIVE WAS PROPOSED BY JAPAN AND
OPPOSED BY SOME OF THE NON-ALIGNED, INCLUDING PAKIS-
TAN. WE PREFER IT AND WE HAVE WIDE WESTERN SUPPORT. THE
SECOND BRACKETED ALTERNATIVE WAS PROPOSED BY PAKISTAN. WE
COULD LIVE WITH IT SINCE THE PRECEDING REFERENCE TO ARMS
SUPPLIERS AND PRODUCERS IMPLIES TRANSFERS ARE BEING RE-
FERRED TO. THE THIRD FORMULATION IN BRACKETS WAS ALSO PRO-
POSED BY PAKISTAN. WE AND SOME WESTERN DELEGATIONS HAVE

PROBLEMS WITH IT. THERE MAY BE SOME SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION AMONG LARGER ARMS PRODUCING LDC'S. END NOTE. ON A VOLUNTARY OR AGREED BASIS, WITH DUE REGARD TO THE SECURITY OF RECIPIENT STATES.

--(NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,

PRODUCTION DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS.) NOTE: THE WEST BRACKETED THIS NON-ALIGNED LANGUAGE. WE DO NOT LIKE RESTRICTIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OR SOLE FOCUS ON NEW SYSTEMS. WE COULD LIVE WITH SOME EMPHASIS ON RESTRAINING NEW SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY THEIR TRANSFER. END NOTE.

4. STUDIES: WE HAVE PLACED LESS EMPHASIS ON STUDIES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RESTRAINT THAN ON GETTING A BASIC ENDORSEMENT OF RESTRAINT AS IN PARA 3 ABOVE. IN SECTION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION DEALING WITH STUDIES, JAPAN HAS PROPOSED STUDIES DEALING WITH "THE PROPOSAL FOR A UN REGISTER OF WEAPONS TRANSFERS" AND "THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS." THE US AND MOST WESTERN COUNTRIES LIKE THOSE JAPANESE IDEAS, WHICH WERE BRACKETED BY THE NON ALIGNED. SOME OF THE NON ALIGNED, NOTABLY PAKISTAN COULD ACCEPT THEM, BUT WOULD DEMAND STUDIES OF PRODUCTION RESTRAINT AS THE PRICE.

5. SOVIETS AND EAST BLOC GENERALLY HAVE MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE ON ARMS TRANSFER ISSUES. THEIR POSITIONS ARE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.

6. AS YOU ARE AWARE WE HAVE NOT PLANNED A MAJOR HIGH VISIBILITY US INITIATIVE ON ARMS TRANSFERS. THIS POSITION STILL HOLDS. OUR FOCUS AT THE SSOD WILL CONTINUE TO BE ON DRAFTING, ESPECIALLY IN THE SECTION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

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